



City Administrator Monthly Update March 2013

By City Administrator Mike Story



Administration

A community is a partnership – of citizens, businesses, civic groups and local government all working together to create opportunities, enhance our quality of life and build an even better tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.

At the City of Rialto we are proud and honored to serve a community that lives by these ideals. Recently, voters passed Measure W – a five-year extension of our utility users tax that will protect vital services while we climb out of the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

We appreciate the vision of those community leaders who led the “Yes on W” campaign and the sacrifice that you – our residents – are making. These have not been easy economic times for you either, and your willingness to extend the UUT another five years speaks volumes about your trust in us. We take that seriously, and understand, as community partners, that we too need to make tough choices.

As the San Bernardino Sun acknowledged recently, we have reduced city staffing by 22% since 2007 and have been developing partnerships with private businesses and other local agencies to sustain city services in a more efficient manner.

Our challenges haven’t gone away. The loss of redevelopment financing and the erosion of tax revenues during this recession have created a hole in our city budget that remains difficult to fill. A proposal to tax petroleum operations in the city – which would have had no direct impact on consumers – failed to win enough votes this past November, but might have to be revisited.

What it finally comes down to is that we all have a stake in our city’s future; our community partners, our business partners, our public employee partners. All have sacrificed, all have given, all see a promising future.

We call this our “Second Century of Progress,” and we believe it to be true. While so many other cities in California face, at best, an uncertain future, Rialto is poised to move boldly ahead. In the coming months, you will see tangible evidence of this, as the refinancing of our water and wastewater systems results in much-needed upgrades of our aging infrastructure, as redevelopment of the Rialto Airport begins to take shape, and as new businesses looking for a home, such as In-N-Out and Super Walmart, come to our city, creating new jobs in the process. Those other cities would love to be able to say the same thing. We’re able to because of you and your willingness to join with us in making the tough choices – the right choices – for future generations.

Again, we cannot thank you enough, and we are committed, as city leaders, to do all we can to repay your trust in us. We appreciate your support and everything you do to make this a community we are all proud to call home.

Office Closure

City offices will be closed Monday, April 1, 2013 in observance of Cesar Chaves Day.

Administrative & Community Services

Recreation

Rialto Progress Magazine

The City of Rialto has exciting news ahead with the upcoming brand new **Rialto Progress** magazine. This new magazine will feature community information, upcoming City events, recreation information, and helpful numbers for City Departments as well as contact information for community assistance. This expanded format will be very helpful to residents looking for one place to receive information. You can look forward to Rialto Progress arriving in your mailbox by the end of April!

Spring Eggstrvaganza

Please join us Saturday, March 30th from 11:00 am- 2:00 pm at Rialto City Hall located at 150 S. Palm Avenue. Many activities will be offered such as an egg hunt, games, and crafts. For a nominal fee train rides, face painting and food vendors will be available for your enjoyment. You also won't want to miss pictures with the Easter Bunny provided by Friends of the Rialto Library! For more information or to be a vendor please call (909) 421-4949.

Drowning Prevention

In April we are kicking off the spring/summer season with a fun educational event about drowning prevention. Join us Saturday, April 20th at the Tom Sawyer Pool located at 152 E. San Bernardino Avenue from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Kids have the opportunity to get in the pool and participate in water safety lessons conducted by Recreation Red Cross certified water safety instructors. The community can also observe drowning prevention demonstrations conducted by our very own Rialto Fire Department Firefighters and Recreation Lifeguards. The City of Rialto has partnered with the Kiwanis Club of East Rialto to host this worthwhile event for the community.

Space is limited! To register or for more information please call (909) 820- 2611 extension 106 to speak to a Recreation Lifeguard today.

Human Resources

Career Vision: Employment Boot Camp!

"Whether someone has been searching for a job for two weeks or two years, this workshop provides imaginative ideas to turn their job search process from reactive to proactive and puts them in the driver's seat. Participants will learn how to NOT be their own worst enemy and find a job based on their passion and interests, using innovative search techniques and learn effective resume writing and interview techniques." – Jamie Beck, MS



Our 1st Career Vision Employment Boot Camp was held on February 20, 2013 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Rialto Senior Center. We had 45 attendees. We surveyed our attendees and ask "What did you like most about the workshop?" They responded, "Excellent, fresh perspective. Informative. Goldmine. Training how to present myself to future employers. Totally different concept of job search. Enjoyed the open-mindedness. 100% of those surveyed agreed that this workshop was a valuable experience and worth their time to come and participate.

A special thank you to Cuca's Mexican Food and Corky's Kitchen and Bakery in Rialto for donating the food and dessert for our attendees.

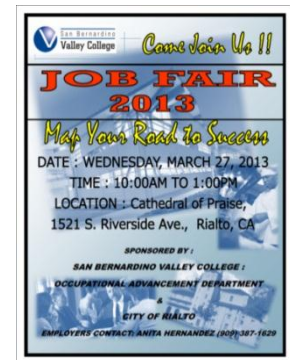
Job Fair

Partnership between San Bernardino Valley College, Cathedral of Praise, and City of Rialto.

Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: Cathedral of Praise - 1521 S. Riverside Ave., Rialto, CA 92376



Human Resources Division is Moving

In the next coming weeks Human Resources will be moving to a new location. Human Resources will now be located at 246 S. Willow Ave., Rialto. In the near future, we will be opening a career center that will open to the public. The career center will offer a place for job applicants a place to search for new job opportunities, create resumes, access to a fax machine, and much more. We are looking forward to continuing to serve the community and our employees in our new location.

Police Department

City-Sourced "App"

City-Sourced delivers custom mobile reporting applications to our residents across all the major smart-phone platforms (iPhone, Android, Blackberry, & Windows Phone). City-Sourced provides a simple platform empowering residents to identify public safety issues (gang activity, narcotics activity, graffiti, abandoned vehicles etc.) and report them to the Police Department, Code Enforcement, or Public Works for resolution. This application is NOW available! For more visit our website at www.rialtopd.com.



Coffee with the Chief



"Coffee with the Chief" offers resident's an opportunity to personally meet their Police Chief and other representatives in a casual setting. Please join Chief Tony Farrar for "Coffee with the Chief" Tuesday March 12, 2013 at Coco's Restaurant 1683 S. Riverside Avenue from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

Reminder - Rialto PD is on Facebook!

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Facebook allows law enforcement to connect with their communities, post news and alerts, investigate and even solve crimes using information they collect through the site. It's a great way to get feedback, hear opinions, and engage in dialogue with the community you serve. Keep up with what's happening in your community. Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/RialtoPD>

Golf with a Cop

On February 9, 2013, the Rialto Police Department held its first "Golf with a Cop" Clinic. This event featured UC Riverside golf coaches along with special guest and PGA Tour winner Brendon Steele. This event, held at the Colton Golf Club, had over 30 kids in attendance! Thank you to everyone involved!



Fuel for Success Kick-Off 2013

The Inland Valley SWAT Team will be participating in the 2013 Fuel for Success Program. The Fuel for Success Program has empowered at-risk youth across the United States to endure pressures of daily life and to continue with school, and pursue a healthy life style. This year's program is on March 21, 2013 at Colton High School. The Rialto Police Department has also joined the Fuel for Success program as one of their law enforcement partners.



Gun Buy Back Program

On June 1, 2013, the Inland Empire Chiefs Association will be sponsoring a Regional Gun Buy Back Program. This program will involve the following departments: Rialto PD, Fontana PD, Colton PD, Chino PD, Upland PD, Montclair PD, Ontario PD, Redlands PD, San Bernardino PD, Barstow PD, California Highway Patrol, the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, San Bernardino County Probation, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Locations are pending so please check out the RPD website for updates.

PC 290 Compliance Checks

On March 1, 2013, the Rialto Police Department Investigations Unit conducted several sex registrant compliance checks within the City. These compliance checks resulted in two arrests; one for an outstanding warrant and the second for a registrant being out of compliance. For further information please contact Sergeant Paul Stella at 909-820-2632 or visit www.offenderwatch.com.



Auto-Theft Prevention

- Take your keys.
- Never hide a second set of keys in or on your vehicle - thieves know all the hiding places.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view - items left in the open attract thieves.

- Don't leave important documents such as bank statements, credit card bills/statements or other personal information in your vehicle. Thieves can use this information to steal your identity and access your bank and credit card accounts.
- Park in well-lit areas - use your driveway if possible.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended. Vehicles are commonly stolen at ATMs, convenience stores, and gas stations.
- Don't become complacent because you drive an older vehicle. Parts from older vehicles are in great demand.
- If your vehicle has an alarm or other anti-theft device, use it.



ATM – Identity Theft Prevention

Avoid using ATMs between 7 p.m. and midnight. Approximately 40 percent of ATM-related crimes occur during these hours, according to the Bank Administration Institute.

When approaching the ATM, be alert for anything suspicious. Keep an eye on groups of people sitting in nearby cars, especially if no one else is at the ATM.

After dark, have someone accompany you to the ATM and park close in a well-lit area. Never approach an ATM if the lights at the site are not working. Avoid using ATMs with bushes or other obscuring objects around them, especially at night.



Have your card ready and know your code before you approach the ATM. Memorize your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not write it on the card or carry it on you. Select a PIN that is different from all other numbers noted in your purse or wallet, such as your address, date of birth, telephone number and Social Security number. Change your number periodically for additional security.

Wait well behind the person ahead of you when in line at the ATM. Do not approach the ATM until the person has completed the transaction. If someone is closer than you would like while you are using the ATM, politely ask them to move back a few steps. If they do not move, cancel your transaction and leave or wait in a secure location, like your locked car, until the person leaves.

Never accept offers of help from strangers while at the ATM. Contact your bank if you are having trouble.

When your transaction is complete, immediately put your card, receipt, money and other property in your pocket, wallet or purse and leave. ATM robberies often happen after people have already completed their transactions. Never stand around and count your money. If the transaction is incorrect, go to a secure location and then call the bank as soon as possible.

Be aware of your surroundings when leaving. If you think someone is following you, walk or drive to the nearest business where there are other people and call the police.

How to Avoid being Skimmed

There have been several reported cases. Here are a few ways to stay aware:

- Inspect the ATM, gas pump, or credit card reader before using it...be suspicious if you see anything loose, crooked, or damaged, or if you notice scratches or adhesive/tape residue.
- When entering your PIN, block the keypad with your other hand to prevent possible hidden cameras from recording your number.
- If possible, use an ATM at an inside location (less access for criminals to install skimmers).



Fire Department

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Classes

The Rialto Fire Department is proud to sponsor CERT training for our community members. The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.



The classes will be held on March 28 and April 4, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm (Thursdays), and March 30 and April 6, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Saturdays). The classes will be held at Rialto Fire Station 203 located at 1550 North Ayala Drive, Rialto. Attendance in all four classes is required to receive a certificate. For more information, visit the City of Rialto Web site at:

<http://www.ci.rialto.ca.us/documents/downloads/CERT2013.pdf>

Lending a Hand for Community Preparedness

On February 15th, the crew from Rialto Medic Engine 201 assisted residents at Ram Rod Mobile Home Park in changing out their emergency water supply. Disaster preparation is key to surviving on your own during a regional emergency such as an earthquake or flood. Maintaining enough clean water on hand to use during such an event is crucial, as there may be a disruption in the city's water system and other utilities. Ram Rod residents show they are dedicated in doing their part in being prepared with help from the RFD.



Honoring the Fallen



On February 21st Rialto Firefighters joined police and fire agencies from throughout the region in paying tribute to fallen San Bernardino Sheriff Officer Jeremiah McKay as the funeral procession made its way to the memorial site through the City of Rialto. Although we cannot soften the tragic nature of this event, it was a privilege to pay tribute to a heroic servant. The Rialto Fire Department sends its most sincere sympathy and respect to Officer McKay's Family.

RFD Making a Difference

On Tuesday, February 26th, members of the Rialto Fire Department and the community member whose life they were credited for saving had a chance to meet again under much more positive conditions. The firefighters were praised and thanked by the family of the individual whom they treated during a special presentation at City Council meeting. The rapid response coupled with the advanced training of the firefighters resulted in a positive outcome for the patient. Although the firefighters view this as "just doing their job", they appreciated the opportunity to meet the gentlemen they positively impacted over a year ago. The Rialto Fire Department takes great pride in their Emergency Medical Operations and continues to improve the service delivery for the residents of Rialto.



Change Your Clock, Change Your Smoke Alarm Battery

Daylight-saving time ended Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 am, marking the 26th anniversary of the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery program, sponsored by Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs. This event reminds us to change and test the batteries in all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This message is simple and the habit can be lifesaving. The Rialto Fire Department reminds residents that one easy step can help save lives. We encourage everyone to use the extra hour "gained" from daylight-saving time to change the batteries in their own smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, test the alarms, and remind friends, family, neighbors and fellow community members to do the same. Doing so is one of the most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths and injuries. Additionally, the International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends that smoke alarms in homes should be replaced every 10 years and having both ionization and photo electric smoke alarms are best to alert people to all types of home fires.

Smoke alarms should be placed:

- On every level of your home
- Outside of bedrooms or wherever people sleep
- Inside every bedroom
- Away from air vents or registers and other spaces with high air flow



Best location: on the ceiling in the center of the room, at least 12 inches from any wall
Second best location: on a wall 12 inches below the ceiling

Development Services Department

HUBZONE Program

The Small Business Reauthorization Act of 1997 created the **Historically Underutilized Business Zones** (HUBZone) Program. By providing incentives and access to more federal contracting opportunities, the HUBZone Program encourages small business development and job growth in designated distressed areas. The Small Business Administration (SBA) administers the Program.

Under the HUBZone Program, certified businesses receive up to a 10% pricing preference in competitive federal government bidding and may be subject to less stringent bidding procedures that allow for single-source contracts. The federal government established a goal to award 3% of all dollars for federal prime contracts to HUBZone-certified small business concerns. Certified HUBZone firms can also qualify for higher SBA-guaranteed surety bonds on construction and service contract bids.

To qualify for the HUBZone Program, a business must (1) satisfy SBA small business criteria, (2) have its principal office located within a "Historically Underutilized Business Zone," and (3) demonstrate that at least 35% of its employees reside in a HUBZone. Several areas in Rialto qualify for the HUBZone Program. For more information on the HUBZone Program, contact the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center at 951-781-2345 or log onto www.sba.gov/hubzone/.

Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ)

The City of Rialto will be applying for the extension and redesignation of the Agua Mansa RMDZ, which is set to expire in March 2013. The new RMDZ is designated as the San Bernardino County Recycling Market Development Zone. Rialto's designated area will expand to include the entire City, from a smaller area encompassing just the original Agua Mansa Enterprise Zone.

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) administers the Recycling Market Development Zone (RMDZ) Program. The Program combines recycling with economic development to encourage new business development, expand existing businesses, create jobs and divert waste from landfills. The RMDZ Program provides low interest rate loans, technical assistance and free product marketing to businesses located within the zone, which use post-consumer materials in the manufacture of their products.

For more information on the RMDZ program, please call Greg Lantz at (909) 820-8016 or log onto <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/rmdz/>.

County Transitional Assistance Department Opens Location in Rialto

The County of San Bernardino purchased the vacant building on 4.9 acres at 1175 W. Foothill Boulevard (formerly Bethlehem Temple Church). The County filed plans to construct a 9,065 square foot addition to house the Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) staff. The renovated building is 36,681 square feet and features five classrooms, a childcare area, a break room, a waiting area, 20 private offices and 108 workstations. The parking area has expanded from 164 to 330 spaces and landscaping was planted along Foothill Boulevard and Larch Avenue, along the perimeter of the building and throughout the parking area. The facility will have approximately 150 employees. The

Development Review Committee and the Economic Development Committee reviewed and approved the project in February 2012.

The Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) of San Bernardino County Human Services is responsible for administering the Department's financial support programs to persons in need of financial and/or nutritional and/or medical assistance. The TAD's goals are to meet the basic needs of families and individuals, while working with them to attain self-sufficiency, and to promote employment and personal responsibility.



I-210 Logistics Center

In 2008, the City and Panattoni Development entered into a development agreement for the development of a 370,000 square foot industrial center at the northwest corner of Baseline Road and Locust Avenue. Construction began during the fall of 2012 and is proceeding toward a July 2013 completion.

Panattoni has selected Vance Corporation of Rialto as the primary contractor for construction of street improvements, utilities and related infrastructure for the development. Vance will begin the street improvements for Baseline Road, Locust Avenue and Miro Way on March 5th, with completion by July 1st. Construction will include curb, gutter, and sidewalk, pavement widening in all three streets, a traffic signal at Baseline and Locust and a median in Baseline. All overhead utilities on Baseline Road along the project frontage will be undergrounded.

Detours will occur to accommodate lane closures on Baseline Road during the street and traffic signal construction. Please drive slowly and safely while watching for workers, construction vehicles and equipment during the construction period.

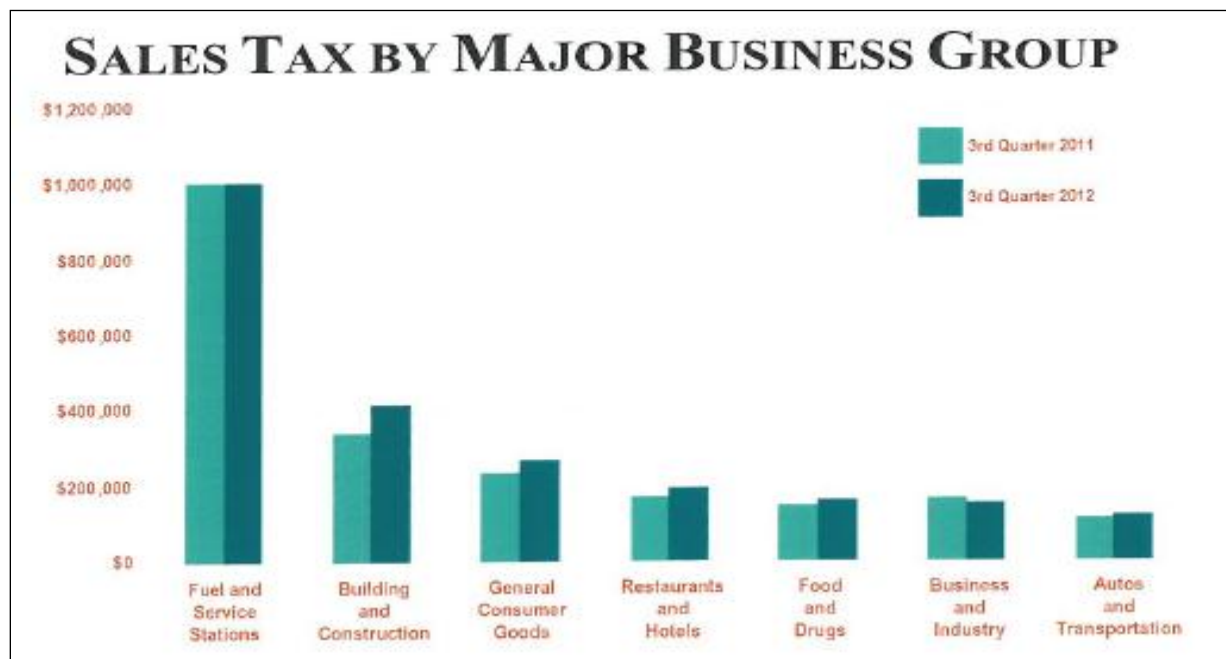
City Council Approves Agreement with San Bernardino International Airport Authority

On February 12, 2013, the City Council approved a revised agreement with the San Bernardino International Airport Authority (SBIAA) governing the disposition of land sales proceeds from the Rialto Airport. The federal legislation authorizing closure of the Rialto Airport required that SBIAA receive 45% of the fair market value of the property. In 2008, the City agreed to pay \$34.8 million in installments as Lewis-Hillwood Rialto

LLC (LHR) acquired parcels from the City for development. The revised agreement retains the \$34.8 million payment goal, but splits the obligation into a base payment of \$13.6 million and a contingent payment of \$21.2 million. The contingent payment will be due only if the Renaissance Rialto project generates profit participation for the City, which will then be shared with SBIAA. Staff has submitted the revised City/SBIAA Agreement to the Federal Aviation Administration for an acknowledgment that the revised terms fulfill the legislative requirements and comply with the terms of the FAA Escrow Agreement approved in 2008.

3rd Quarter/2012 Sales Show Modest Improvement

Taxable retail sales activity in Rialto increased by 1.1% during the 3rd quarter of 2012, compared with 5.6% for San Bernardino County and 6.7% for the State of California. Automobile sales drove the improvement for the County and State. Rialto does not have a significant automobile sales sector, thus its relatively weak performance compared to other jurisdictions. Fuel prices, which usually dictate the strength of Rialto's performance from quarter to quarter, were flat. Building and Construction was the strongest sector in Rialto in year-to-year comparisons.



Actions of the Oversight Board and the State Department of Finance

The Oversight Board for the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency held its regularly scheduled meeting on February 21, 2013. The notable action items on the agenda were:

- The Board approved the **Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 13/14A)** for the period of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The Successor Agency has requested a payment of \$5,645,491 from the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund to finance enforceable obligations of the former RDA.
- The Board approved the **Administrative Budget** for the period of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The Successor Agency has requested authorization of \$601,780 for administrative expenses.

Staff has forwarded both actions to the Department of Finance (DOF) for review.

Staff continues to work with the Department of Finance regarding the **Unencumbered Fund Remittance Report**. The DOF has requested more information regarding asset transfers, deposits held pursuant to exclusive negotiation agreements, and the Airport land conveyance. The Successor Agency proposes to remit \$10,171,154 to the County Auditor Controller.

The DOF accepted the lease for the former RDA offices at 131 South Riverside Avenue to the Rialto Educators Association (REA). The lease will commence on March 15, 2013. The DOF also approved the dedication of various rights-of-way adjacent to the Rialto Municipal Airport.

Actions of the Planning Commission during February 2013

On February 27, 2013, the Planning Commission reviewed the following projects:

- Rialto Tires located at 392 E. Foothill Boulevard filed a request (Conditional Development Permit No. 717) to sell used cars at its existing facility. The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed site plan, which showed seven designated parking spaces for employees and tire customers and twelve spaces for auto display. The business must landscape along Foothill Boulevard and enhance the exterior of the building with architectural design features such as decorative paving or tile, canopies or decorative stone. Tires must be stored in a designated area and screened from view. The Planning Commission approved the project by a vote of 4-0.
- Verizon Wireless filed a request (Conditional Development Permit No. 718) to construct a wireless telecommunication facility on a property located at the northwest corner of Cedar Avenue and Casmalia Street (currently occupied by Columbia Steel). The proposed facility is 75 feet high and has twelve antenna arrays. It will mimic the appearance of a pine tree, which is considered a “stealth” design. The Planning Commission approved the project by a vote of 4-0.

California Approves Senate Bill 1186 -- Disability Access

Under state and federal law, California building owners and tenants are responsible for providing disability access to all buildings open to the public. On September 19, 2012, Governor Brown signed into law Senate Bill 1186, which adds a state fee of \$1 to any application for a local business license or renewal.

The purpose of the bill is to:

- increase disability access and compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements; and
- develop educational resources for businesses to facilitate compliance.

The fee went into effect on January 1, 2013 and it sunsets after five years on December 31, 2018.

The following agencies provide additional information regarding compliance with the requirements:

- The Division of the State Architect at:
www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/Home.aspx.
- The Department of Rehabilitation at:
www.rehab.cahwnet.gov
- The California Commission on Disability Access at:
www.cdda.ca.gov.

New Business Licenses Issued during February, 2013

The City welcomed the following businesses to Rialto during the month of February 2013. The City sent each of these new businesses a welcome letter and a statement of appreciation for choosing Rialto as their business home.

Business Name	Address	Goods/Service
➤ Inland Jeep	1436 N. Ayala Ave., Suite I	Automotive
➤ Botanica Elegua	980 S. Bloomington Ave.	Health
➤ Aryeni Auto Insurance	235 W. Foothill Blvd.	Insurance Professional
➤ Vast Automotive Repair	785 W. Rialto Ave., Suite G	Automotive
➤ Tortas Ahogadas Chapala	402 E. Foothill Blvd., Suite K	Food Service
➤ Spruce Liquor	385 N. Spruce	Convenience
➤ Inter Tax Professionals	303 E. Foothill Blvd., Suite B	Tax Professional
➤ Fiesta Travel	303 E. Foothill Blvd., Suite B	Travel Service
➤ Euro Studio Cabinets	993 W. Valley Blvd., Suite 515	Cabinetry
➤ Direct Auto Sales	523 W. Foothill Blvd.	Automotive
➤ Jennys & Paez Assoc.	202 N. Riverside Ave., Suite C	Professional

NSP Program Activity Slows due to Dwindling Supply of Foreclosed Properties

The City has utilized two separate federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (“NSP”) grants since 2009 to address the housing foreclosure crisis. To date, the City has expended \$7 million from NSP funds to acquire, rehabilitate, and resell 66 single-family homes to qualifying low and moderate-income households. Since mid-2012, the inventory of available abandoned homes has dramatically declined due to the improving housing market and procedural changes by lenders. Currently, three single-family homes are in the pipeline: two homes are currently under construction, and one home is in escrow for resale.

Approximately \$600,000 remains available from the second NSP grant. The funds must be expended by March 2014 or will be forfeited. Staff is currently reviewing alternatives, including acquiring non-foreclosed abandoned homes with extensive health and safety issues or multi-family apartment units in or adjacent to the West Jackson Neighborhood Revitalization Project.

TELACU Rio Alto – Grand Opening Scheduled for March 14

TELACU has scheduled a grand opening for Thursday, March 14, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the TELACU Rio Alto Senior Housing Apartments at 545 Bloomington Avenue in Rialto. The project provides housing for very low-income senior citizens, with the federal government subsidizing rents. The project was a partnership between the Rialto Housing Authority and TELACU, and used funding from the low and moderate-income housing fund of the former RDA in combination with a Section 202 grant from the federal government.



Phase 3 of the Park Place Project Commences

Construction commenced on Phase 3 of the West Jackson Neighborhood Revitalization Project, consisting of eight units in two buildings in the 300 block of West Jackson Street. Phases 1 and 2 were completed in October 2012, consisting of 40 units. The once crime-infested street has evolved into a quality apartment community for low and moderate-income families known as Park Place.

Phase 3 will be completed in August 2013. The total cost of the project is \$2.2 million, with funding of \$1.2 million from Rialto NSP and \$1.0 million from the County of San Bernardino NSP.



\$2 Billion Available to Help Struggling California Homeowners Avoid Foreclosure

The California Housing Finance Agency (CHFA) developed ***Keep Your Home California*** to help qualified homeowners avoid foreclosure. The CHFA administers several programs to help homeowners stay in their homes, including:

- **Unemployment Mortgage Assistance.** Provides Mortgage assistance of up to \$3,000 per month for unemployed homeowners who are collecting or approved to receive unemployment benefits from the State of California's Employment Development Department (EDD).
- **Mortgage Reinstatement Assistance Program.** Provides funding of up to \$25,000 to help eligible homeowners catch up on their mortgage payments.
- **Principal Reduction Program.** Provides financial assistance to help pay down the principal balance of a mortgage loan and allow for a more affordable monthly payment.
- **Transition Assistance Program.** Provides financial assistance to help transition homeowners who are being displaced due to a short sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure program.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.keepyourhomeCalifornia.org or by calling 888-954-5337.

Public Works

Park Clean Up Days

As part of an effort to make the City Parks a better place to play, the Public Works Department is hosting Park Clean-Up Days on the 2nd Saturday of every month from January through November 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come join in the raking, trimming, shoveling, sweeping, painting and trash clean-up alongside City's Workers. The schedule of dates is as follows:

April 13, 2013	Andreson Park.....	726 S. Lilac Avenue
May 11, 2013.....	Flores Park	1020 W. Etiwanda Avenue
June 8, 2013.....	Jerry Eaves Park.....	1485 N. Ayala Avenue
July 13, 2013	Fergusson Park.....	2395 W. Sunrise Avenue
August 10, 2013	Frisbie Park.....	1901 N. Acacia Avenue
September 14, 2013	Birdsall Park	2611 N. Linden Avenue
October 12, 2013.....	Metrolink Station	261 S. Palm Avenue
November 9, 2013	Downtown Rialto.....	Riverside & Rialto Avenues

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System "NPDES" News

The Federal Clean Water Act (or "CWA") established the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") as a national program to regulate discharges of pollutants from point sources to waters of the United States. Discharges are illegal unless authorized by a NPDES permit. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") authorizes the State of California to issue permits, and the Santa Ana

Regional Water Quality Control Board (or “Regional Board”) administers them for the Inland Empire area.

The Regional Board issued the first NPDES permit to the City in 1992, and has re-issued a new permit every five years; it issued the current permit to the City on January 29, 2010. The permit regulates our operation and maintenance of the City’s Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (or “MS4” – the system of streets and storm drainage systems that convey storm water runoff to the Santa Ana River). The permit regulates the discharge of pollutants in urban stormwater runoff generated from development projects, and from existing commercial and industrial sites. The goal of the NPDES permit is to prevent polluted runoff generated on private properties from passing directly to the MS4 and thereby polluting the Santa Ana River.

The NPDES permit requires the City to inspect construction sites, industrial facilities, and commercial establishments. Inspection frequency for commercial, industrial and construction sites is based on various factors, such as: the type of business and activities; the types of potential pollutants present; whether the business is in significant non-compliance and proximity to impacted waters. Businesses are assigned to a high, medium or low priority inspection based on the Standard Industrial Code (SIC). Businesses that are classified as high priority must be inspected annually, medium priority businesses must be inspected once every two years and low priority businesses must be inspected once every five years.

In order to comply with the City’s NPDES permit requirements and to avoid applicable fines that could be imposed by the Regional Board, City Inspectors are will be performing inspections of certain commercial and industrial businesses that must be completed this year. There are approximately 2,431 businesses located within the City of which 857 of these businesses are subject to the NPDES Program and require inspections. City Inspectors will be reaching out to and coordinating with business owners in a proactive and cooperative way, educating and informing business owners of the federal and state regulations that are mandated down to the local level for the City of Rialto to implement.

Pacific Electric Inland Empire Trail, Phase I from Maple to Cactus Avenues (“Rails to Trails”) Project

The Pacific Electric Railway was once the world’s largest interurban and street railway system, extending from Los Angeles to the outlying regions. The railway was critical to the development of the Inland Empire region and the area’s agricultural industry. In 1991, the Pacific Electric right-of-way was purchased from the railroad and a portion assigned to the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). In 1994, SANBAG adopted a policy allowing the right-of-way to be used for trails, flood control channels, pipelines, or other utilities. The trail is a multi-use path along the 21 mile railroad right-of-way and currently is completed through the cities of Claremont, Montclair, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga and Fontana.

Phase I of the project will be completed from Maple Avenue to Cactus Avenue and includes construction of an 11 foot-wide concrete trail along with landscape, access gates, monument pilasters, lighting and traffic signals. The approximately length of this segment is 1.25 miles long.

The construction estimate for the project is \$3 million and local funding available was insufficient to proceed with construction. Given this dilemma, City staff pursued all grant funding opportunities available. The City has submitted a grant application to the California Department of Parks and Recreation for a federal Recreational Trails Program grant requesting full funding for the Rails to Trails project. The Recreational Trails Program provides funds annually for recreational trails and trails-related projects. The state is currently reviewing the City's application and has scheduled a site visit with staff on March 20, 2013 to review the project.

The City has also successfully coordinating with SANBAG to program \$2 million towards this project with Federal Transportation Enhancement Program funds. On March 6, 2013 the San Bernardino Associated Governments SANBAG formally approved an allocation of \$2 million to the City of Rialto for the Rails to Trails project. Given the City's success in pursuing state and federal funding, it is anticipated that construction of this project will move forward by the end of the year.

Metrolink Parking Lot Expansion Project

The San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) has identified Rialto's Metrolink station as one of the commuter rail stations in the County that is most in need of additional parking spaces. In 2005 the City of Rialto and SANBAG began coordinating a project to expand the existing parking lot by approximately 550 parking spaces to reach a total of 715 spaces. This expansion is projected to cover an increase in Metrolink commuters through the year 2025.

In 2006 City Council approved an agreement with Aztec Engineering to provide preliminary concept plans for the expansion, evaluation of environmental constraints and impacts associated with the project and to prepare Environmental documents.

The City Council approved a preliminary plan that requires the City to acquire nine separated properties and relocate a City owned Police Evidence building located west of the existing Metrolink parking lot.

In 2011 the City Council accepted over \$3 million in grant funds from Omnitrans provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the project.

The Public Works Department is prepared to complete the final design and initiate acquisition of property necessary to construct the expanded Metrolink parking lot. The Public Works Department prepared a Request for Proposal ("RFP"), issued on October 2, 2012 to solicit proposals from qualified professional firms for final civil engineering design and right-of-way acquisition services for the Project.

The scope of work includes real property appraisals, real property acquisition negotiations, topographic surveying, utility coordination, and preparation of plans, specifications and estimates ("PS&E"). By the November 8, 2012 deadline for receipt of proposals, the City received proposals from:

1. CivilSource, Irvine, CA
2. Willdan Engineering, Anaheim, CA

A staff evaluation panel reviewed the proposals and determined that Willdan Engineering was the most qualified firm, based on Willdan's prior experience completing

other Metrolink station parking lot projects. Staff reviewed Willdan's original cost proposal (in the amount of \$544,443) and ultimately negotiated a decrease of \$141,714 (26%) of the original fee to the reduced fee of \$402,729 for the required scope of work. Willdan Engineering anticipates a project schedule extending 15 months from a Notice to Proceed to complete the required scope of work.

This project is being funded entirely with the following federal and state grants:

Project Funding	Total
Brownfield Hazardous Substances Grant (City)	\$74,615
FTA Section 5307 Grant (Omnitrans)	\$3,060,600*
FTA Section 5309 Grant (Omnitrans)	\$285,000
PTMISEA (Prop 1B) Grant (SANBAG)	\$1,500,000
Local Transportation Funds (SANBAG)	\$800,000
Total Funding	\$5,720,215

There is no local City funding required for this project.

Solid Waste Management News

Hazardous Household Waste Collection

During the month of February, Solid Waste held their Hazardous Household Waste Collection. The total stats for the event were as follows:

- **120 Resident** served
- **355 gallons** of used motor oil
- **2 pallets** of paint
- **2 drums** of miscellaneous poisons and other toxic liquids
- **20 gallons** of antifreeze
- **7 barrels** of sharps
- **10 vehicle** batteries



During the month of March, the site will be open from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon on March 8th, 9th, 22nd and 23rd.

Special Collections

Making A Difference Association...

Making A Difference Association (MADA) is focused on improving life (both now and long term) for families caring for children who are trauma and/or substance exposed. Founded in 2006, MADA works to improve – and ultimately prevent the need for – foster care in the Inland Empire.



Their vision, *building generations of resilient families*, directs MADA's innovative efforts:

- **Improve Family Well Being:** Ensure that families caring for children exposed to trauma and substance abuse have opportunity for high quality, specialized

services and have access to professional treatment and ongoing care when they need it.

- **Insure Safe and Permanent Connections:** Support permanent connections with at least one committed person who provides safety, stability and security.
- **Promote Self-Sufficiency:** Aid in individuals' growth to manage their own affairs and provide for themselves and their families.

You can help support the cause by donating any of the following new or used items on the Community Clean-Up Day:

Infant Swings	Infant Front Packs (Slings)	Port-a-cribs	Toys
Dressers	Cribs and/or bedding	Rocking chairs	Strollers
Safety Gates	Diaper rash cream	Diapers	Wipes

(We can only accept new Diapers, Diaper Rash Cream and Wipes)

April 13, 2013

**Rialto City Hall, South Parking Lot
150 S. Palm Avenue**



For more information on this collection,
call Wendy Terrado at
909-420-0413

*For more information on MADA
Check out their website at:
www.themakingadifferenceassociation.org*

City of Rialto Quarterly

**Shred
Fest**

When:
Saturday, April 13th
8am - 2pm

Where:
150 S. Palm Ave.
City Hall South Parking Lot
(across the street from the
Post Office)

Protect your identity!
Shred your personal papers for FREE!



***What to
Bring:***

- Old bank statements
- Old pay stubs
- Credit card applications
- Old papers with personal information

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